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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT TO ARGENTINA BY AIR UNIVERSITY
LECTURE TEAM

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1. REFERENCED MESSAGE REPORTED ARGENTINE AIR FORCE DIS-
APPOINTMENT AND CONFUSION OVER CANCELLATION OF VISIT BY
BRIGADIER GENERAL BECK OF THE AIR COMMAND AND STAFF COLLEGE.

2. THIS CONFUSION WOULD NOT HAVE ARISEN IF ARGENTINE AIR
FORCE HAD NOT BEEN APPROACHED PRIOR TO DEPARTMENT'S CLEAR-
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ANCE OF VISIT.

3. ARA ADVISED OASD/ISA ON MARCH 30 THAT WE FELT IT IS
"INAPPROPRIATE TO STIMULATE INTEREST IN U.S. WEAPONRY AND
TRAINING WHICH BY LEGISLATION AND POLICY WE ARE NOT PRE-
PARED TO TRANSFER TO THE LATIN AMERICAN SERVICES WHICH
CONSTITUTE THE TARGET AUDIENCES." ARA THEREFORE DIS-

APPROVED VISITS TO ARGENTINA AND ECUADOR, NOTING THAT WE
"GENERALLY WOULD NOT FIND THE BRIEFING MATERIAL APPROPRIATE
FOR MOST OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES."

4. ARGENTINE OFFICIALS WHO HAD BEEN ADVISED IN ANTICIPATION OF A VISIT SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT IT WAS CANCELLED

FOR REGIONAL POLICY REASONS AND NOT FOR BILATERAL REASONS.
(FOR YOUR INFORMATION. EVEN IF VISIT HAD PROCEEDED FOR
ECUADOR, ARA WOULD NOT HAVE AUTHORIZED A BRIEFING IN
ARGENTINA AT A TIME WHEN ARMS TRANSFERS AND TRAINING HAVE
BEEN HELD UP OR DENIED DUE TO HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS. END FYI). CHRISTOPHER

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